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PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN RAPID MASS TRANSPORT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase its share of expenditure in public private partnership in metro rail projects in mega cities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any plan for rapid transport system for smaller cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the cities where the system is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Under the existing scheme of financial support to Public private Partnership (PPP) in infrastructure of Ministry of Finance, 20% of the project cost of a project being executed in the PPP route is permissible in the form of capital grant at the stage of project construction as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) from Ministry of Finance and balance VGF upto further 20% of the project cost can be provided by the sponsoring Ministry/State Govt./statutory authority, that owns the project, out of its Budget. The proposal for Government of India (GOI) providing additional 10% Viability Gap support under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission beyond 20% by Ministry of Finance is under Inter-Ministerial consideration.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The Government has sanctioned Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) projects in various cities under Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) sector from the Jawahar Lal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) scheme.

(e): Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Bhopal, Indore, Jaipur, Pune, Vijayawada, Vishakapattanam.